

The Federated Fathers' Club



Program years 1914-15

Federated Fathers Club

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Organized July 8th, 1914

"The preservation and greatness of our Nation
depends upon Father."



Live to Learn—Learn to Live

By transfer
The White House.

Program of the Federated Fathers' Club of Council Bluffs, Iowa, 1914-15

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What Sort of a Father are You?

What sort of a father are you to your boy?

Do you know if your standing is good?

Do you ever take stock of yourself and check up

Your accounts with your boy as you should?

Do you ever reflect on your conduct with him?

Are you all that a father should be?

Do you send him away when you're anxious to read?

Or let him climb onto your knee?

Is a book more important to you than his talk?

Do you find that his chatter annoys?

Would you rather be quiet than have him about?

Do you send him away with his toys?

Have you time to bestow on the boy when he comes

With his questions—to tell him the truth?

Or do you neglect him and leave him alone

To work out the problems of youth?

Do you ever go walking with him hand in hand?

Do you plan little outings for him?

Does he ever look forward to romping with you,

Or are you eternally grim?

What memories pleasant of you will he have

In the years that are certain to come?

Will he look back on youth as a season of joy,

Or an age that was woefully glum?

Come, father, reflect! Does he know you today,

And do you know him now as you should?

Is gold so important to you that you leave

It to chance that your boy will be good?

Take stock of yourself and consider the lad;

Your time and your thought are his due.

How would you answer your God should He ask,

"What sort of a father are you?"

—Anon.

If you never visited a Fathers' Club try it once.

Use of Tobacco by Minors

Chapter 224.

USE OF CIGARETTES BY MINORS.

S. F. 92.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. (Use of Cigarettes by Minors Prohibited.) It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of twenty-one years to smoke or use a cigarette or cigarettes on the premises of another, or on any public road, street, alley or park, or other lands used for public purposes, or in any public place of business or amusement, except when in company of his parent or guardian.

Section 2. (Penalty—Sentence Suspended, When.) Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of Section 1 hereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed ten (\$10.00) dollars, or imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed three days, for each offense; provided, if said minor person shall give information which may lead to the arrest of the person or persons violating any of the provisions of Section Five Thousand Six (5006) of the Code, and shall give evidence as a witness in the proceedings which may be instituted against said party or parties, the court shall have power to suspend sentence against said minor person.

Approved April 13, A. D. 1909.

Chapter 241.

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

Section 1. (Rules and Regulations—Use of Tobacco Prohibited.) That Section 2732, of Chapter 12, Title XIII, of the Supplement to the Code, 1907, be, and the same is hereby amended by striking out the semicolon following the words "pupils" in the fourth line thereof, substituting therefor a comma, and inserting thereafter the words, "and such rules and regulations shall prohibit the use of tobacco in any form by any student of such school."

Section 2. (Same.) That Section 2772, of the Code, be, and the same is hereby amended by adding, after the period at the end of said section, the words, "and such rules and regulations shall prohibit the use of tobacco in any form by any student of such schools and such board may suspend or expel such student for any violation of such rule."

Approved April 9, A. D. 1913.

September

How Can the Home and School Be More Closely United?

What Influences Tend to Keep the Home and School Apart?

Social Center Work in Schools of Rochester.

What We Should Do and How We Should Do It.

Social Survey of Council Bluffs Schools.

Where Progress Is Continuous, So Must Education Be.

The Iowa Law in Reference to the Use of Tobacco by Minors—What Should the Fathers' Clubs' Attitude Be in Regard to Its Enforcement in Council Bluffs?

"God sends children for another purpose than merely to keep up the race."

October

Lecture Systems of Cleveland, Chicago,
Milwaukee, Boston and Philadelphia.

Evening Entertainment and Classes.

Need of Adult Instruction and Continuation
Schools.

University Extension in Iowa.

Possibilities for Our Schools with Reasonable
Assurance of Success.

"In this age, when competition is strong,
it is necessary that he who expects to be a
success, or who hopes to 'play the game' to
win, shall have the best possible preparation."

November

Conditions Leading to Demand for Industrial Training and Reason for Decline of Apprentices System.

Juvenile Occupations and Unemployables.

Education of Dependents, Delinquents and Sub-Normal Children.

"I believe all children's good,
Ef they're only understood,—
Even bad ones 'pears to me
'S jest as good as they kin be!"

December

Choosing a Vocation.

Student Aid Committees.

Specialization and Applied Sciences.

The Tramp Problem and Its Relation to
Public Schools.

Product of Council Bluffs Schools.

Per cent completing Sixth Grade.
Per cent completing Eighth Grade.
Per cent completing High School.
(Given by schools.)

"If God had intended that man should go
backward, He would have given him an eye
in the back of his head."

January

Social Progress and Reform.

The George Junior Republic.

Self-Governing Schools.

Preventive Charity.

Character a Definite Study.

Public Recreation and Morality.

Citizenship and the Schools.

The "Gang" and the Boys' Club.

School Functions.

"Energy is not efficiency, and misdirected energy is worse than loafing."

February

Government In the Home.

Government Of the Schools.

Government In the Schools.

Respect for Constituted Authority and
Every-Day Patriotism.

The Value and Danger of Hero Worship.

The Dollar or the Child.

Should We Have More Men Teachers?

“There are doubtless many ways in which men may make a new heaven and a new earth of their dwelling place, but the simplest of all ways is through a fond, discerning and individual care of each child.”

March

Gardening and Its Regular Instruction
with Local Application.

How Early and How Much Manual Train-
ing for Council Bluffs Boys and Girls?

Home Economics — What, When, Why,
Where?

Architecture, Lighting, Decoration, Sani-
tation and Ventilation of School
Houses.

Decoration of School Grounds.

"Good, better, best—
Never let us rest
Till our good is better
And our better, best."

April

Junior High Schools.

Technical High Schools.

The Practical Relation Between School
and Business in Council Bluffs.

Vocational.

Half Time.

The German System.

School Systems of Other Countries.

"Destiny bears us to our lot, and destiny is
perhaps our own will."

May

Social Significance of Amusements for
Young.

Moving Pictures.

Playgrounds of Pittsburgh.

Summer Camps.

Possibilities of Council Bluffs Play-
grounds.

"If you want to test a man's character,
watch and see what creates in him an enthu-
siasm."

Suggestions for Fathers' Clubs

That one general meeting for everybody under the auspices of the Federated Fathers' Clubs be held in the Auditorium during the winter.

Do not take too many subjects for an evening.

Start the meeting on time, stick to the texts and get through.

This program is presented by the Federation simply as suggestive topics.

Each Club should not forget local conditions and for this reason a blank line is left on each month's program.

Fifteen minutes at each meeting set aside for handshaking and getting personally acquainted.

A question box.

Subjects submitted by members for next year's program.

Inviting members of the Board of Education and teachers that they may know the spirit of co-operation idea.

Several meetings at which mothers and teachers' clubs and all women in the district are invited.

Make an honest effort to advance the Fathers' Club idea; the result will be surprising.

Membership should include the head of tomorrow's household.

"If I knew you and you knew me,
'Tis seldom we would disagree;
But never having yet clasped hands,
Both often fail to understand
That each intends to do what's right,
And treat each other 'honor bright,'
How little to complain there'd be
If I knew you and you knew me."

Fathers' Clubs in Council Bluffs

In Rotation as Organized

Madison Avenue School—

Organized May 12, 1913. Meets first Wednesday.

Stymest Stevenson, President, 715 Hazel St.; phone 1956.

Rho Slawson, Vice President, 45 Charles St.; phone Black 1178.

A. J. Samuelson, Secretary, 811 Commercial St.; phone L-3550.

George Irwin, Treasurer, 114 Iowa Ave.

Avenue E School—

Organized November 7, 1913. Meets second Friday.

J. F. Shroyer, President, 17th and Avenue N; phone Black 3014.

John J. Scherer, Vice President, 17th and Avenue K; phone 4160.

J. J. Harty, Secretary-Treasurer, 1315 Avenue B; phone A-3837.

Avenue B School—

Organized November 21, 1913. Meets last Friday.

B. S. Asquith, President, 2008 Avenue C; phone Red 4285.

A. B. Adams, Vice President, 2545 Avenue B; phone 2580.

W. E. Walton, Secretary, 2406 Avenue A; phone A-3999.

D. H. Hardman, Treasurer, 2410 Avenue A; phone Red 2315.

Oak Street School—

Organized March 24, 1914. Meets second and fourth Friday.

J. P. Christensen, President, 1224 E. Washington Ave.; phone Red 2225.

G. G. Baird, Vice President, 1030 E. Broadway; phone Black 1834.

William Ury, Secretary-Treasurer, 500 Fleming Ave.; phone Black 3226.

Pierce Street School—

Organized April 21, 1914. Meets third Tuesday night.

W. S. Baird, President, 515 E. Broadway; phone F-1232.

W. B. Currie, Vice President, 310 Franklin Ave.; phone 4105.

V. M. Johnson, Secretary, 234 Lincoln Ave.; phone B-1132.

Carl R. Brandt, Treasurer, 113 Frank St.; phone Black 4132.

Eighth Avenue School—

Organized April 24, 1914. Meets second Wednesday.

S. G. Culver, President, 1724 6th Ave.; phone Red 2351.

N. R. Kenady, Vice President, 1723 8th Ave.; phone Black 1297.

Thomas McMillen, Secretary-Treasurer, 1700 9th Ave.; phone A-729.

Washington Avenue School—

Organized April 28, 1914. Meets third Tuesday.

W. R. Orchard, President, 524 Oakland Ave.; phone Black 2304.

O. J. McManus, Vice President, Ridge Lawn; phone L-2349.

E. P. Schoentgen, Secretary-Treasurer, 407 Glen Ave.; phone 1108.

Third Street School—

Organized May 18, 1914. Meets—

J. F. McCampbell, President, 210 13th Ave.; phone Black 1792.

A. W. Slack, Vice President, 1221 S. 6th St.; phone 538.

D. P. Hutchison, Secretary-Treasurer, 903 High St.; phone F-3922.

Second Avenue School—

Organized May 26, 1914. Meets—

J. C. Culton, President, 2318 2d Ave.; phone Black 2210.
C. E. Johnson, Vice President, 2308 3d Ave.; phone F-1233.
Clint Schull, Secretary-Treasurer, 2304 3d Ave.; phone Black 1537.

Thirty-second Street School—

Organized May 27, 1914. Meets—

Andy Knudsen, Jr., President, 3202 Avenue F; phone Black 2061.
Olaf Hakenson, Vice President, 3002 Avenue J; phone 1851.
J. F. Moscrop, Secretary-Treasurer, 3318 W. Broadway; phone 236.

Eighth Street School—

Organized June 24, 1914. Meets second Wednesday each month.

Thomas Nelson, President, 924 Avenue G; phone L-3855.
Hans Hansen, Vice President, 915 Avenue H; phone Black 2223.
B. C. Broyles, Secretary-Treasurer, 817 Avenue G; phone Red 3642.

Harrison Street School—

Organized June 25, 1914. Meets second Monday night each month.

T. J. Smith, President, 328 Hyde Ave.; phone L-3025.
Frank McManigill, Vice President, 834 Fillmore Ave.; phone Red 1776.
George Houston, Secretary-Treasurer, 332 Hyde Ave.; phone F-1531.

Twentieth Avenue School—

Organized June 29, 1914. Meets—

John H. Schonberg, President, 2010 S. 10th St.
John E. Cummings, Vice President, 1724 S. 10th St.; phone B-754.
Axel H. Hemmingsen, Secretary-Treasurer, 2919 S. 10th St.; phone 757.

Bloomer School—

Organized August 2, 1914. Meets—

Clifford Powell, President, 122 S. 7th St.; phone 1790.
B. B. Hadley, Vice President, 218 Turley Ave.; phone B-637.
J. C. Watson, Secretary-Treasurer, Y. M. C. A. Assn.; phone 489.

The Town of No Good

Kind friends, have you heard of the town of No-Good
On the banks of the river Slow,
Where the Some-time-or-other scents the air
And the soft Go-easies grow?
It lies in the valley of What's-the-use,
In the Province of Let-'er-slide;
It's the home of the reckless I-don't-care,
Where the Give-it-ups abide.

The town is as old as the human race,
And it grows with the flight of years;
It is wrapped in the fog of the idler's dreams;
Its streets are paved with discarded schemes,
And are sprinkled with useless tears.

—(Author Unknown.)

Is Father Too Old To Learn?

“But why, you ask me, should this tale be told,
To men grown old, or who are growing old?
It is too late! Ah, nothing is too late
Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate.
Cato learned Greek at eighty, Sophocles
Wrote his grand *Œdipus*, and Simonides
Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers,
When each had numbered more than four score years;
And Theopratus, at four-score and ten,
Had begun his ‘*Characters of Men*.’
Chaucer, at Woodstock, with the nightingales,
At sixty wrote the ‘*Canterbury Tales*’;
Goethe, at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed ‘*Faust*’ when eighty years were past.
These are indeed exceptions, but they show
How far the gulf stream of our youth may flow
Into the Arctic regions of our lives,
Where little else than life survives.”

“New occasions, teach new duties: Time
makes ancient good uncouth: They must up-
ward still, and onward, who would keep abreast
of Truth.”



STYRMEST STEVENSON
Founder of the Fathers' Club

Little did I dream when formulating the Fathers' Club idea that such great interest would be shown in so short a time. The first pebble thrown on the calm sea of facts regarding the present day fatherhood has created wave after wave until the whole United States seems to have come within the circle of its influence, and it bids fair to become more popular than the movies. New York, St. Louis, Des Moines, Sioux City, Omaha and Council Bluffs newspapers and magazines have devoted columns to the idea; also have

innumerable papers in smaller places favorably commented upon it. Fraternal publications have recognized the fraternity of fatherhood.

It is deemed advisable that with this first issue of the Federated Fathers' Club Program for the years 1914-1915 space be given to the birth and object of the Club as a help and guide to the recently organized clubs and those to be.

On the night of May 12, 1913, about thirty fathers of the Madison Avenue School District met in the school house and organized the first Fathers' Club with this sentiment:

"The object of the FATHERS' CLUB is to bring the fathers in closer touch with the children, the schools, the teachers and board of education in an endeavor to bring about the very best results for the betterment of the children. Membership is limited to males, 21 years of age or over."

They adopted as their slogan, "Make the Indifferent Different," and decided emphatically to be non-partisan and non-sectarian, and unanimously declared for a campaign of education of the fathers, for we realized that far too many fathers are mechanically performing their appointed tasks while the real father interest and love is not in evidence, and that when men remain in the lowlands of self-interest or abide in the swamps of self-indulgence, their views of fatherhood are necessarily limited. They adopted a broad

and instructive program for the year, which was carried out in its entirety with the best local talent, which included first the common, every-day citizen, editors, professors, senators, attorneys, doctors, ministers, judges, business men and mechanics at the meetings held once a month in the school house.

Organizing a Fathers' Club is no different than any other similar club. A meeting is called by interested persons and the regular parliamentary usages observed. A simple constitution and by-laws adopted, broad in their scope. A firm determination to obtain accurate knowledge of conditions with the idea of betterment to be gained through careful comparison and intelligent research. The Fathers' Club idea is first of all to get right with yourself then co-operate—not antagonize.

Membership dues should be as small as is practicable.

Expenses should be nominal, for, with the Fathers' Club idea, each member searches himself for the knowledge, and the program should be carried out by local talent, preparing themselves for the task, for

"I learned it in the meadow path,
I learned it on the mountain stairs—
The best things any mortal hath
Are those which every mortal shares."

Cordially yours,

STYMEST STEVENSON.



Madison Avenue School, Council Bluffs, Iowa.
Birthplace First Fathers' Club—May 12, 1913.

